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Representatives Nelson, Downing, Senator Blendu: Representative Prezelski

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1808, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 15-1808, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-1808. Tuition waiver of child or spouse of peace officer,
5 correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency
6 paramedic or national guard member killed in the
7 line of duty; disabled national guard member;
8 definitions

9 A. The board of regents, after verification by the Arizona peace
10 officers memorial board, by the Arizona fire fighters and emergency
11 paramedics memorial board or by the adjutant general of the national guard
12 that a person is a child or a spouse of a peace officer, correctional
13 officer, fire fighter, emergency paramedic or national guard member who was a
14 resident of the state of Arizona and who was killed in the line of duty or
15 who died from injuries suffered in the line of duty while traveling to or
16 from duty, shall provide the person who qualifies under subsection B of this
17 section and who otherwise meets the qualifications for admission with a
18 tuition waiver scholarship at any university under the jurisdiction of the
19 board. A district as defined in section 15-1401, after verification by the
20 Arizona peace officers memorial board, by the Arizona fire fighters and
21 emergency paramedics memorial board or by the adjutant general of the
22 national guard that a person is the child or the spouse of a peace officer,
23 correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency paramedic or national guard
24 member who was a resident of Arizona and who was killed in the line of duty
25 or who died from injuries suffered in the line of duty while traveling to or
26 from duty, shall provide the person who qualifies under subsection B of this
27 section and who otherwise meets the qualifications for admission with a
28 tuition waiver scholarship at any community college under the jurisdiction of
29 the board.

30 B. The tuition waiver scholarships shall be limited to children who
31 are thirty years of age or younger or a spouse who has not remarried and
32 shall be limited for a spouse or for any one child to no more than sixty-four
33 credit hours at Arizona community colleges and a total number of credits
34 including any transfer credits from an Arizona community college equal to the
35 number of credits required for a baccalaureate degree at Arizona universities
36 for that student's initially declared course of study.

37 C. A ~~member of the Arizona national guard~~ RESIDENT OF THIS STATE WHO
38 IS ELIGIBLE FOR AND HAS APPLIED FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL ACT
39 OF 1984 (PUBLIC LAW 98-525; 98 STAT. 2553; 38 UNITED STATES CODE CHAPTER 30
40 OR 32) OR UNDER 10 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 1606 OR 1607 AND who received a
41 purple heart citation on or after September 11, 2001 or a former member of
42 the Arizona national guard who was medically discharged from the Arizona
43 national guard due to an injury or disability suffered during status under
44 title 10, United States Code, in weekend training status, in annual training

1 status or in response to a state of emergency declared by the governor is
2 eligible for a tuition waiver scholarship provided for in this section.

3 D. For the purposes of this section:

4 1. "Correctional officer" means a person, other than an elected
5 official, who is employed by this state or a county, city or town and who is
6 responsible for the supervision, protection, care, custody or control of
7 inmates in a state, county or municipal correctional institution, including
8 counselors but excluding secretarial, clerical and professionally trained
9 personnel.

10 2. "Emergency paramedic" means a person who has been trained in an
11 emergency paramedic training program certified by the director of the
12 department of health services or in an equivalent training program and who is
13 certified by the director of the department of health services to render
14 services pursuant to section 36-2205.

15 3. "Fire fighter" means a professional fire fighter who is a member of
16 a state, federal, tribal, city, county, district or private fire department.

17 4. "Peace officers" means sheriffs of counties, constables, marshals,
18 police officers of cities and towns, commissioned personnel of the department
19 of public safety and police officers appointed by community college district
20 governing boards or the Arizona board of regents, who have received a
21 certificate from the Arizona peace officer standards and training board, and
22 other state, federal, tribal, city or county officers vested by law with a
23 duty to maintain public order and make arrests.